---Beyond-the-Columns----Dear Friends.



February 2020

The first Sunday of February means that it is Super Bowl time. Consider the NFL combine. The combine is one of the most intricate physical exams in existence. 40 yard dash, bench press, vertical jump, broad jump, 20 yard shuttle, three cone drill, 60 yard shuttle, position drills, personal interviews, injury evaluations, drug screen, the Cybex Test, and the Wonderlic test. All this is to say that by the time one of the starters this Sunday straps on a helmet, he has been through one of the most complex and competitive ways that human beings have developed for picking teams.

Do you remember picking teams when you were a kid? Whether you loved it or hated it, it's one of those things that everyone remembers. Do you remember waiting around hoping that someone would finally pick you? Teams get picked for a wide range of human activities not just sports. There are tryouts as well for theatre or coveted marching band positions, cheerleading, and choirs. Think back and remember those teams or groups and picking or being picked and all the feelings that came with it.

I point out these experiences and feelings to you, because we hear the lectionary Gospel readings many of which are call stories this time of year. These call stories of Jesus gathering the disciples are **the stories of Jesus picking his team**. Jesus called disciples to follow him and be a part of his ministry. **But notice that Jesus picked his team in a very different way.**

Notice the differences in the picking processes in the Gospel story from the picking processes that we have usually experienced in life. The disciples did not come seeking Jesus like disciples ordinarily did with rabbis. They weren't out looking to be a part of his team. Jesus came to them. He went to the much less likely place of fishing and boats and nets where no one was having a discussion about religious things. He searched for ordinary people to follow him.

This team of disciples would be gathered to follow Jesus and to love God and neighbor. And it took the disciples quite some time to get the hang of it. They kept thinking of it as a contest, like we all are prone to do. "Which one of us will be greatest in the kingdom of heaven?," one of them asked one time. But they had been picked not to thump their chest. They had been picked simply to be a part of Jesus' work. They were called to be a part of Jesus' ministry – to give glory to God and not to themselves. Being on the team was not for the purpose of gaining advantage over others, but for serving the kingdom of God.

Friends, here's the Good News. You've been picked. Christ's work in you has made you a part of the kingdom work that God is doing in the world. And each of us can make a difference to others who are awaiting their chance to be a part too.



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- pictures, and much more.

Peace, Rev. Steve Willis



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CHILDREN EVENTS:

Bible Club: Feb 5th & 19th

Mark Your Calendars for VBS June 1-4th

Youth NEWS:

Youth Group Feb 5, 12, 19

Community Ash Wednesday Service Feb 26th

Thrift Store Shopping Feb 15th

Lock-In Feb 21st-22nd

Lunch Min. Feb 22nd

Community Ash Wednesday Service

February 26th

The service will be at St. Luke's United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.





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February 2020

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

Sat	1 11:15 Lunch Program	8 11:15 Lunch Program	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 11:15 Lunch Program	22 11:15 Lunch Program	29 11:15 Lunch Program
Fri		7 Office Closed	14 Office Closed	21 Office Closed	28 Office Closed
Thu		6 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	13 4:00 God's Storehouse Backpack Program 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	20 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	27 5:30 pm Chancel Choir
Wed		5 5 pm PNC 6 pm WNS & Youth	12 5 pm PNC 6 pm Youth	19 5 pm PNC 6 pm WNS & Youth	26 5 pm PNC 7 pm Ash Wed. Service @9t.Luke's
Tue		4 5:15 pm Handbells 7:00 p.m. Property	11 5:15 pm Handbells 7:00 p.m. Session	18 5:15 pm Handbells	25 5:15 pm Handbells
Mon		3 9:30 Prayer Group 10:30 Co. Council 12:30 Day Circle 4:30 pm CE Comm. 7:00 pm Evening Circl @ P.Argyrakis	9.30 Prayer Group 10:00 Shiff Mig 11:00 VIP Comm.	17 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Staff Mts	24 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Staff Mtg 4:30 CE Comm 6:00 Membership Comm.
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PASTORAL CONCERNS—

Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Bill Brown, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Kathy Cropp, Charles & Lib

Cuttle, Matthew Dolianitis, Bill & Betty Fitzgerald, Kay Gillespie, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn's brother), Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Sister Jones (P. Brandon), Peggy Lackey, Bob Lowther, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Tony Parker (W. Barrow's father), Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Mary Lou Snead, Debra Bolt Thompson, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Mrs. Helen Harris, Dick Stoakley
OUR VIPs—Chuck Bolt, Alice Bradshaw, Charles & Lib
Cuttle, Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Charlotte Lowther, Grace
Litzenberg, Fae Smith

CAREGIVERS

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

THE PEOPLE OF TOGO

OUR PNC COMMITTEE

Our condolences to Jackson Weller in the loss of his grand-mother, Chlodine Bittner 1/11/2020.

SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

WHAT: Serving a hot lunch

to the community

WHEN: Every Saturday; volunteers work from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

WHO: Different groups are in charge each week. EXTRA HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED! Cooking, clean up, greeting, Bible Study, chatting with guests.

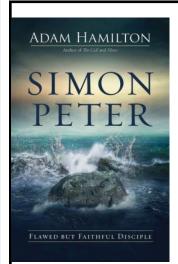
Feb., 1: Women's CircleFeb. 8: Westover BaptistFeb. 15: Unity Presbyterian

Feb. 22: Youth

Feb. 29: Outlook Class



Worship Committee will meet Sunday February 2nd at 9 a.m. in the parlor.



The men's bible study & breakfast will meet February 15th at 8:00 a.m. We will continue our study of Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton. Please use the bulletin insert to let us know your breakfast order.





Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

February 9- The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents by Tom and Ava Barrett.

February 23- The flowers are given today to honor the memory of Elizabeth Goodman, and to remember her birth-

day, February 27th. The loved ones honoring her are her sons, William and Lee, Lee's wife Paige, and her grandchildren, Piper and Kemper. Also honoring her is her sister-in-law, Ann Shumaker, her niece Elizabeth, and her great nieces, Amanda and Sarah.

The Day Circle will be in charge for the month of February.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please contact
Rebecca Atkinson at 434.203.1666 or rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net, for more information. After the service, flowers are distributed to those persons on our prayer list or as directed by the sponsor.

VIP OF THE WEEK

Please remember our VIPs in prayer each week and drop them a card or note to let them know how much they are loved.

February 2— Lois Hayes Roman Eagle Memorial Home Room 45 2626 North Main Street Danville, VA 24540

> February 9— Grace Litzenburg 954 Main Street Danville, VA 24541

February 16— Alice Bradshaw Colonial Suite 1111 Main St. Danville, VA 24541

February 23— Fae Smith 661 Timberlake Dr. Danville, VA 24540

If you feel visiting the elderly is your gift, please consider joining our VIP Committee. Talk to one of the following members:

Pat Argyrakis, Mary Ann Shelton, Joan Reynolds, Bernadine Hayes,
Nancy Wilson, Susie Crews, or Kent Shelton.

Property Committee Bob's To-Do List

Computer, streaming TV & sound system hardware & repair Sutherlin Speakers

Investigate the aging alarm system, Carbon Monoxide & Fire Alarm

Investigate Amp replacement

Routine Maintenance items around the church building ongoing.

Sun Sail for playground Area

Front porch needs bird protection

Investigate replacing electrical panel in basement with modern equipment

Women's bathroom to be painted

Completed Items

Security upgrades in hallway now ready

AA room ready for occupancy

Boiler & heating problems fixed

Plaster repaired in the chancel area

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will meet February 24th at 4:30 p.m. in the parlor.



Coordinating Council will meet at 10:30 a.m. February 3rd

Day Circle will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 3rd.

The evening circle will meet at the home of Pat Argyrakis on February 3rd at 7 p.m.

All ladies of the church are welcome to join one of the groups as they continue their Bible studies.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

Bill & Ann Moore serving in Southeast Asia.

Bill is the Representative Director of Japan Mission at the Yodogawa Christian Hospital in Osaka. Ann works with Bill to move Japan Mission forward as a missional organization. Since less than one percent of the popula-

tion knows Jesus Christ, this ministry is of the utmost importance.



Just about wherever Presbyterians have been sent out in mission, they have been involved in partnership with local Christians to share the Gospel, establish indigenous churches, and found Christian educational institutions and hospitals. Especially in Asia during the 20th century, there was an amazing burst of mission activity. Many of the churches and other institutions that were established in that era flourished and have an influential place in their respective countries. The indigenous churches' outreach, however, is not confined to their own people. Having been transformed and blessed by the Gospel, they also reach out in mission across national boundaries. For example, there are Korean mission workers serving in Bangladesh and Japanese serving in Thailand. Japan Mission, the organization that we lead in mission partnership with the PC(USA), is seeking to expand this concept through medical mission. As it operates a hospital in the city of Osaka in western Japan, it is equipped to do so. With the prayer and encouragement of the local Christian community and funding by Presbyterian Women, Yodogawa Christian Hospital (YCH) was founded in 1955 by the Japan Mission of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Over the years, it has grown from a small clinic to become a large general hospital known for its high level of medical practice and loving care afforded to patients in the spirit of Jesus Christ, the Great Physician.

Marie Louise Fund

A fund has been started in memory of Marie Louise. This fund is in Marie Louise's memory and to continue her love and care for disadvantaged children for our church and community.

Anyone wishing to donate to this fund may make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate it on the check for the Marie Louise fund.

Members on this committee are: Leigh Blount, Donald Crane, Bernadine Hayes, David & Donna Parris and Brenna Takata.



In 2019, the Danville Area CROP Walk raised a total of \$19,614.37. This is the highest total to date. Thank all of you at First Presbyterian for your support and participation. Next year the slogan will be \$20,000 in 2020 or 20 in 20.

New Decade/New Vision reNew Faith



FPC Lay Renewal Weekend March 13-15, 2020

The Lay Renewal weekend, a time of celebrating the gift of God's grace, will be here soon. Our memory verse is from Isaiah 40:31:

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength,

They will soar on wings like Eagles

They will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint"

Visiting Lay Leaders from neighboring states will lead us in song and worship. The weekend will begin Friday evening with a free dinner in the fellowship hall followed by worship and small group discussions. A similar format is set for Saturday night. Saturday morning is a time for a work session with the church officers and lay renewal team committee members. If you have not filled out the Spiritual Growth survey, please do so. The survey will be used at the work session to identify spiritual needs in the congregation and ways to meet those needs during the coming year. Our Celebration of faith will conclude with a special Sunday morning worship service.

Every member of First Presbyterian Church will soon receive a letter of invitation from Pastor Steve Willis with addition information. Ed Butler, Lay Renewal Ministries coordinator, will be joining us to speak about the Lay Renewal at our February 2, 2020 Sunday service.

Please pray for the visiting team of lay Leaders and prepare our hearts to see God at work in new and exciting ways.

Presbyterian Women Service Project

Our local chapter of Presbyterian Women is focused on the service project of Blessing Buckets for God's Pit Crew for the next six months. We will be collecting items to help fill the five gallon buckets, and are extending an invitation to the congregation to join us. A list of items can be found on the poster just inside the Sutherlin entrance where items can be deposited in the blue bin. God's Pit Crew is a local non-profit, faith based ministry established by Randy and Terri Johnson over 20 years ago. It has responded to 100 major disasters in 25 states and 12 countries.



1 Sara Weller

2 Ray Beale

3 Katie Gillespie

6 James Gill, Jr.

8 Olivia Walthall

11 Virginia Jones

16 Adjowa Kassa

19 Brooke Atkinson

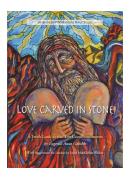
21 Jean Roman

Jill Perez

25 John Parris, Jr.

27 Bernadine Hayes

If we've missed your special day let us know!!



Attn: Presbyterian Women —— Our PW organization continues a season of prayer, Bible study, service and fellowship. The **Day Circle** will meet on Monday, February 3rd at 12:30 p.m. in room 108 with Charlotte Lowther leading the study "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. The **Evening Circle** will meet Monday Feb. 3rd at 7 p.m. at the home of Pat Argyrakis, 115 Fenton Place, to continue their study of James.



Our Wednesday Night Supper will be Wednesday February 5th at 6 p.m. Our program will be missionaries Rev. Gordon & Dorothy Gartrell. Team 1 will be in charge. The next WNS will be February 19th. Our program will be a movie. Team 2 will be in charge.

The meals to be announced at a later date. Prices are \$6 per person/ages 11 and up Children 10 and under eat free. Max for a family (4 or more) will be \$18.

We will need help packing bags at God's Storehouse in February. Our next date is February 13th. Please meet at God's Storehouse at 4 p.m. It will take approx. 30 –45 min. If you are interested in helping or have questions please call Nancy Wilson.





FPC and Day School contributed 72 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable food items to God's Storehouse in 2019.

Stewardship Corner								
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Contributions	\$	64,018	\$	350,429	\$	348,604	\$ 339,500	\$ 10,929
Other Income	\$	684	\$	9,082	\$	6,463	\$ 5,515	\$ 3,567
Transfers	\$	15,422	\$	99,138	\$	173,977	\$ 87,473	\$ 11,665
Total Revenues	\$	80,123	\$	458,650	\$	529,044	\$ 432,488	\$ 26,162
Expenses	\$	53,975	\$	411,900	\$	463,716	\$ 432,488	\$ 20,588
Net Total	\$	26,148	\$	46,750	\$	65,328	\$ -	\$ 46,750

Stewardship News

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! We hope you are having a happy and successful New Year. Our final pledges (we picked up a few more in January) for 2020 were 67 for \$239,538. This compares very favorably to last year where we had 67 pledges for \$245,173. Our final financials for 2019 we also quite good. Our year-to-date revenue exceeded our expenses by \$46,750. Thanks to our congregation for making this a great year. And on that note, your Stewardship Committee will be meeting within the next month to begin the process





COOKIE BAKE

We had a great time baking cookies January 26th!!!

If you missed, don't worry we will do something similar again.

> New Decade/New Vision reNew Faith



FPC Lay Renewal Weekend March 13-15, 2020

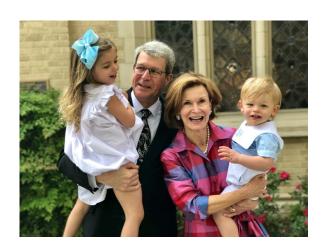
DAY SCHOOL NEWS

February is always a busy month for us, registration begins for the 2020-2021 school year! Feb 3rd we open to current students, current students siblings and church members, Feb 13th we open to the public! Spread the word to friends and family who may be looking for a preschool program. Special thanks to Martha Cutright for coming in January and teaching our kiddos about dental care, they always learn so much and go home with a new toothbrush! We have an Amazon wish list that has some items we'd like to have in the gym, if you're looking for a way to donate to the Day School contact Erin to find out how you could purchase one of our wish list items.

Thank you church family!!

Erin Parris

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION



This year the theme for First Presbyterian Church is Many Gifts; One Spirit. Our church is blessed with a congregation of faithful stewards. In February we highlight two of those faithful stewards - Sam and Becky Meadema support the mission of the church by serving on various committees. Becky is serving our church now as Deacon and liturgist. Sam has served on the Session They have both been very supportive of foreign and local Missions and in Bible Studies. Becky also gives her time in counting money for the church office. Thank you Sam and Becky for your dedication to The Lord's work here at First Presbyterian Church and in our community.

First Presbyterian Church Session, Diaconate, Trustees

Session

2019	2020	2021	Class of 2022
Ray Beale	Fred Baker	Tom Barrett	Ray Beale
Bunny Hayes	Martha Bell	Eddie Blount	Bernadine Hayes
Joyce Perez	David Parris	Mike Reynolds	Joyce Perez
Betzy Wilson	Gary Wimer	Brenna Takata	David Clark
			Barry Cutright, Alternate

Diaconate

2019	2020	2021
Marie-Louise Crane,dec.	Nicole Bracey	Lisa Bolt
Susan Mathena	Kathy Dolianitis	Randy Brooks
Jeanne Nostrandt	Kim Meadows	Becky Meadema
Becky Meadema	David Swann	Jeanne Nostrandt
	-Will Brown, Alternate	Melva Sweeney,
	Stepped down	Alternate

Clerk, Brenna Takata

Trustees

Tom Gillespie, Class of 2020 Jim Motley, Class of 2021 Chuck Bolt, Class of 2019 Jay Hayes, Class of 2022

SESSIONAL RESOLUTION In the death of MARIE-LOUISE VAN DER GRIENDT CRANE

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2019, our Lord in his infinite wisdom and grace, has welcomed into his loving arms, our beloved friend and sister Elder, Marie-Louise van der Griendt Crane, to enter into the fullness of eternal life, And

WHEREAS, Marie-Louise was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church, a lifelong seeker of the Lord's highest will and a strong believer in the power of prayer, praying for her family, her church family and anyone in the need of the Lord's healing hand, and while serving as an Elder and Deacon started a weekly prayer group and

WHEREAS, she was an example of one who lived her faith, always welcoming and sharing her love of the Lord, serving as an Elder, Deacon, President of Presbyterian Women of the church, assisted faithfully at our First Presbyterian Dayschool, member of the handbell, sanctuary and chancel choirs, and on various committees of the church, a constant witness for the grace and love through Jesus Christ and mentor to many of all ages in our community. Her love was never failing and always fighting for a good cause, serving on the board of the CROP Walk, faithfully taught a weekly Bible Lesson for Lunch Ministry attendants at First Presbyterian Church, and was instrumental in starting the Angel Tree Ministries with children of incarcerated parents.

WE, the members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA, remembering her as a devoted wife, stepmother, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, niece, dedicated Elder and Deacon, and cherished friend, do hereby resolve:

That We remember her as one whose love of the Lord, sustained and inspired, a shining example to all who knew her, and that we extend our loving sympathy to her family, her beloved husband Donald, her stepson, Micah Crane, her beloved parents Willhelm and Louise van der Griendt, her brothers Maarten Willem van der Griendt and Marcel van der Griendt, his wife Angelique, their children Lois, Flynn and Mae, and her uncles and aunts.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that in gratitude for Marie-Louise's life and acknowledging it as a special blessing from God, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Session, that we send a copy to the members of her family and publish a copy in the church newsletter, <u>Beyond the Columns.</u>
"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

Written by Brenna Takata

Respectively Submitted by

Brenna Takata Clerk of Session



CONFIRMATION CLASS PHOTO

BRIDGET BELK, CLAUDIA BELK, RAFEAL GARCIA, CAMERON KASSA, SOPHIE VANVALKENBURG, MAGGIE WELLER



WNSUPPER RECIPE

RASPBERRY STREUSEL COFFEE CAKE

Ingredients:

3-1/2 cups unsweetened raspberries

1 cup water

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1-1/4 cups sugar

1/3 cup cornstarch

BATTER:

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 cup sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 cup cold butter, cubed

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

1 cup sour cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

TOPPING:

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup butter, softened

1/2 cup chopped pecans

GLAZE:

1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

2 teaspoons 2% milk

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

In a large saucepan, cook raspberries and water over medium heat 5 minutes. Add lemon juice. Combine sugar and cornstarch; stir into fruit mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Cool.

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and baking soda. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in eggs, sour cream and vanilla (batter will be stiff).

Spread half into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Spread raspberry filling over batter; spoon remaining batter over filling. Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over top.

Bake 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Combine glaze ingredients; drizzle over warm cake.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1826, we were the first organized congregation in Danville. Our sanctuary and offices are located at 937 Main St, next door to the Sutherlin Mansion and Museum and a few blocks west of downtown.

On Sundays, Sunday School classes meet at 9:45 AM and worship services are at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. For all other events, please see our calendar and missions page. You can also like us on facebook.

You can reach us at (434) 792-7822 or vickie@fpcdanville.com

Opportunities to Study the Word Sunday Mornings

Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.- 10:40 a.m.

Youth (middle & high school) Rm 302 /Jackson Weller & Tom Gillespie discuss the scripture lesson being used in the sermon, to prepare for worship/discussion type class Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ Joyce Perez "Feasting on the Word" / discussion type class

Bible Study Fellowship/Library/Linda Copeland Ligonier Ministry's "Tabletalk Magazine" / discussion type class

Outlook/Rm 322/Jay Hayes, Tom Barrett, Bob Newnam, Kent Shelton & Gene Hayes "The Present Word" / lecture type class

The Children's Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum bringing to life the stories & lessons that are the foundation for our Christian faith.

K-2/Rm 304/various instructors

Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors

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